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July 05, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF AN ART DONATION AND A MONETARY DONATION
FROM DAVID C. BOHNETT TO LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER
(FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to accept an art donation valued at \$640,000 and a monetary donation of \$10,000 from David C. Bohnett to LAC+USC Medical Center (LAC+USC MC). The art donation is a sculpture titled The Baroda Wall by artist Brad Howe. The donation of \$10,000 is intended to offset the County cost of preparing and installing the sculpture at LAC+USC MC.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the Director of Health Services (Director), or his designee, and the Executive Director of the Arts Commission to accept with thanks and appreciation the donation of a sculpture titled The Baroda Wall by artist Brad Howe, valued at \$640,000, and a donation of \$10,000 both from Mr. Bohnett to LAC+USC MC.
2. Instruct the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors to prepare and send a letter of appreciation (Attachment I) to Mr. Bohnett for his generous donations to LAC+USC MC.

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

14 July 5, 2016

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the first recommendation will allow the Director, or his designee, to accept the art donation, which was valued at \$640,000 by an independent art appraiser on February 15, 2016, and the \$10,000 donation will go towards the County's cost of preparing and installing the sculpture at LAC+USC MC.

Approval of the second recommendation will authorize the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors to send a letter of thanks and appreciation to Mr. Bohnett.

Mr. Bohnett is a philanthropist and technology entrepreneur committed to effecting positive change through community building and social activism. In addition to serving as Chair of the David Bohnett Foundation, he served as Vice Chairman of the Board of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association and is currently on the Board of Directors. He is also a Trustee of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, amfAR (The Foundation for AIDS Research) and LACMA (Los Angeles County Museum of Art).

Mr. Bohnett commissioned Brad Howe to make The Baroda Wall for his private residence in the Los Angeles area. After Mr. Bohnett sold the residence, he decided to donate it to Los Angeles County at LAC+USC MC to be of use, service and enjoyment of patients, visitors and staff. Installing The Baroda Wall at LAC+USC MC combines practical considerations with personal significance for the donor, Mr. Bohnett. He is an alumnus of USC. Additionally, the location chosen for the artwork, the low wall in the plaza at LAC+USC MC-Rand Schrader Clinic, honors his longtime partner, Rand Schrader. The plaza is a public space surrounded by the inpatient, clinic and diagnostic tower buildings. Locating the artwork at LAC+USC MC supports the philanthropic legacy of Mr. Bohnett by sharing The Baroda Wall with the broader, public audience.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The County cost for preparing and installing the sculptures is \$54,000, and Mr. Bohnett is donating \$10,000 toward the preparation and installation costs. The remaining \$44,000 will be fully offset by funds from the Civic Art Special Fund in accordance with the Board's Civic Arts Policy adopted on December 7, 2004 and amended on August 11, 2015.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In 2004, the Board approved the Civic Art Policy for the County, which authorized the Arts Commission to establish procedures to implement the Civic Art Policy. Under the Civic Arts Procedures adopted by the Arts Commission in 2015, there are procedures for the review and acceptance of gifts of art. The Los Angeles County Arts Commissioners reviewed the donations on December 7, 2015 and recommend approval by the Board. Once the Board approves the donation, the artwork will be accessioned into the County's Civic Art Collection.

Acceptance of the donation of the art and the \$10,000 is consistent with Government Code Section 25355. In addition, acceptance of the \$10,000 shall be in accordance with County Fiscal Manual

Section 2.4.2.

About the Artist:

Brad Howe is an American sculptor born in Riverside, California in 1959 who currently resides in Los Angeles. He started his career as a sculptor in Brazil, using stainless steel, aluminum and polyurethane. He has exhibited his art in over eighteen countries with his work being placed in art collections in more than 32 countries, including Brazil, Mexico, France, Germany, South Korea and the United States. In addition, his work can also be found at different universities such as Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Temple University and UCLA. In 2014, Brad Howe completed a large-scale sculpture at the Department of Health Services' facility, High Desert Regional Health Center in Lancaster. This sculpture was commissioned by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission as a civic art project.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This generous donation will assist LAC+USC MC in continuing its efforts to serve the residents of Los Angeles County. Having works of art on the campus is consistent with the LAC+USC MC's mission to heal and inspire. The inclusion of Brad Howe's original artwork will create a more pleasing environment for patients, visitors and staff. There will be no negative impact on current LAC+USC MC services.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
Arts Commission

July 5, 2016

David C. Bohnett
245 South Beverly Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90212

Dear Mr. Bohnett:

At its meeting held July 5, 2016, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accepted with thanks and appreciation your generous donations of The Baroda Wall, a sculpture with an appraised value of \$640,000 by artist Brad Howe, and \$10,000 to assist with the County cost of preparing and installing the sculpture at LAC+USC Medical Center (LAC+USC MC).

Donation recognition plaques will be made and placed adjacent to the installations of The Baroda Wall in the Rand Schrader Clinic and on a low wall in the plaza at LAC+USC MC acknowledging your sharing of the works of art with the broader, public audience of patients, visitors and staff.

The Board members have requested that I express their appreciation to you for these generous donations.

Very truly yours,

Lori Glasgow
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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